GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:133
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2000
POLICE REFORMS COMMITTEE
JASWANT SINGH YADAV;RAMJI LAL SUMAN

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had constituted a Police Reforms Committee under the former Union Home Secretary;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its terms of reference;

(c) whether the Committee has since submitted its Report;

(d) if so, the main recommendations of the Committee especially with regard to the CBI;

(e) the action taken thereon; and

(f) if not, the time by which the Committee is likely to submit its Report?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(c): No, Sir.

(d)&(e): Do not arise.

(f): The Committee`s report is expected in the first half of August, 2000.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART(b) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.133 FOR ANSWER ON 1ST AUGUST, 2000.

I. Constitution of the Police Reforms Committee:

(i) Shri K.Padmanabhaiah, -Chairman,
Ex-Union Home Secretary

(ii) Shri Vijay Karan,IPS(Retd.), -Member

(iii) Shri M.D.Sharma,IPS(Retd.), -Member

(iv) Shri Amitabh Gupta,IPS -Member
Director General of Police,
Rajasthan.

(v) Shri B.B.Nanda,IPS -Member-Secretary
Director General,
BPR&D.

II Terms of reference of the Police Reforms Committee:-

(i) To examine and specify the challenges that the police in India would face in the next millennium;

(ii) To evaluate the strength and weaknesses of the police force, as it is organised and the structured today, to see if it would be able to meet those challenges;

(iii) To understand and appreciate the gap between the public expectation and the police performance and whether this gap can be filled without making any basic changes in the structure, organization and the attitude of the police;

(iv) To envision a new look, cultured, people-friendly and fighting-fit police force which is able to win the confidence and trust of the people and, at the same time, can tackle effectively the problems of organized crime, militancy and terrorism;

(v) To examine and bring out the challenges which should be made in the following system to trasform our police into a most professional and competent force:-

(a) Recruitment at different level
(b) Training - both induction and in-service
(c) Career planning at all level
(d) Accountability of the Police
(e) Redressal of public grievances
(f) Redressal of police grievances
(g) Police station of the next millenium
(h) Village and city police

(i) Techniques of police investigation
(j) Prosecution of cases
(k) Management of traffic
(l) Dealing with women and weaker sections of society

(vi) To suggest measures to equip the police to adequately meet the challenges of the modern, hi-tech criminal and cyber crime;

(vii) To recommend changes in the weaponry, communication and mobility of the police force;

(viii) To examine how the intelligence gathering machinery could be revamped both at the Centre and the States and how their mutual interaction for intelligence sharing could be made faster and more reliable;

(ix) To devise methods of insulating the police from politicisation and criminalisation;

(x) To devise ways of securing public trust and cooperation in preventing and solving crime;

(xi) To examine the need to clarify some crimes as `federal crimes` and to create a Federal Law Enforcement Agency under the Ministry of Home Affairs;

(xii) The structural changes that need to be introduced for the police to function more efficiently and professionally.